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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

### SPECIAL NOTICE

#### RAILROAD RATES AND TIME LIMITS.

The special rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip has been made for the Santa Barbara Meeting, April 18th, 19th and 20th. The sale dates for the going trip are April 8th to 21st, inclusive. For the return trip, reduced rate tickets will be sold for points south of Santa Barbara April 18th to 24th, inclusive, and to points north of Santa Barbara April 18th to May 1st, inclusive. These time limits will allow all those who wish to do so to take side trips from Santa Barbara before returning home.

The Annual meeting of the Medical Society of the State of California will be held this year at the Potter Hotel, Santa Barbara. An excellent program has been arranged by the Committee on Scientific Work, Dr. Lobingier, Chairman; this will be found on another page of this issue of the JOURNAL. Every County Society should be represented in the House of Delegates, as matters of importance will come before that body, and in these things the whole state is interested. The Society was never in so good a condition, both as to live interest and financially, as at the present time. Our latest venture, Medical Defense, is

working most satisfactorily and for more than a year and a half, every member of every county society has been amply protected. Other ways in which the State Society may be of use to its members will be brought forward and considered at this meeting, and a full attendance of delegates should be present to consider them and to explain these things to their respective societies. Through co-operation we can do a great deal for ourselves and each other; but it is difficult to co-operate if the other fellow stays at home instead of coming to the meeting and helping to thrash things out. The hotel is comfortable and the rates reasonable; the scientific program is good; our professional brethren of Santa Barbara have extended a most cordial welcome and we will certainly have a good meeting and a very pleasant time. Be sure and make it a point to attend the meeting; especially if you are a delegate.

For the last several years the hall of commercial exhibits has been one of the very interesting features of the meetings. This year THE A. M. A. will undoubtedly be no exception to the rule and already a large amount of space has been taken. It is quite possible that there are some of our Western manufacturers who have not yet realized the great advantage of these exhibits and have not as yet contracted for their space. If such there be, they should at once write to the American Medical Association, Will C. Braun, Superintendent of Exhibits, 535 Dearborn Avenue, Chicago, Ills., and secure contract blanks, diagrams, etc. This year the exhibit hall is particularly well adapted for the purpose and practically all the spaces for booths are well placed; in fact, all the space is good.

The Physicians' Defense Company, of Fort Wayne, Ind., has a "stock form" letter which it is sending out to former policyholders who, being members of the State Society, have decided not to contribute any longer to the profits of this company when they can be absolutely sure of getting full protection from the Society so long as they keep their dues paid up. The letter which the company sends is full of large sounding phrases—and a great deal of "taffy." Some of the statements, indeed, the company would find it exceedingly difficult to substantiate. We have no quarrel with this or with any other company. A great many instances in which it has been open to severe censure might be cited, but what is the use? All we ask is to be let alone so that we may quietly—and effectually—mind our own business and continue to defend, successfully, our members when they are sued for malpractice. To read the stuff